

Parashah 13 Sh'mot (Names)

Day 24 of 10th Biblical month

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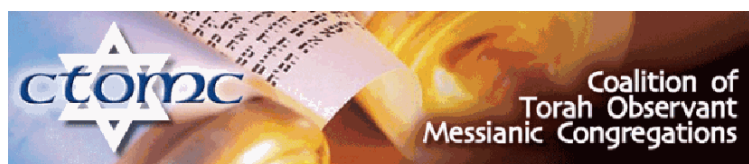
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TEHILLAH = Service of Praise

Welcome to Beit Gan-Eden (House [of] Paradise)! We are gathered here in the name of our righteous Messiah, Yeshua, to worship our Heavenly Father (Abba). Yeshua tells us. "Y'HoVaH is Spirit and worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Yochanan (John) 4:24. Shabbat Shalom, everyone!

TEFILLAH = Service of Prayer

All sing: "Sh'ma Yisrael, Y'HoVaH Eloheinu, Y'HoVaH echad. (*Deu 6:4*)
Baruch Shem kavod malchuto, le'olam va'ed!"

All say: "Hear, O Isra'el, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, Y'HoVaH is one!

Blessed be His Name. His glorious Kingdom is for ever and ever."

Leader: "V'ahavta et Y'HoVah elohecha b'kol l'vav'cha u'v'kol nafsh'cha u'v'kol m'odecha." All say: "And you shall love Y'HoVaH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (*Deut 6:5*) And Yeshua said: "Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Torah and the prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot." (*Mat 22:37-40*)

Leader: "Y'HoVaH hu Yeshua HaMashiach". (*Phil 2:11; 1Cor 12:3; Luke 2:11*)

All say: "Yeshua the Messiah He is LORD". Amen.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN B'rachot Yeledim ברכות ילדים

Parents to their boys: "May Y'HoVaH make you, (name/s) like Efrayim and M'nasheh (and personalise) **Genesis 27: 27b-29.**

Parents to their girls: "May Yah make you, (name) like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah (and personalise) **Num 6:24-26.**

All pray together: "Heavenly Abba preserve these children for their fathers and mothers. May they be led into a life of obedience and faith through the Tanakh and Ketuvei HaShelichim. Blessed are You, Yah of Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants. We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein." **Prayer for Israel.**

TORAH = Service of The Word

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Torah: Sh'mot (Names) 1:1 - 6:1

Haftarah (Prophets): Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 27:6 - 28:13; 29:22-23

Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):

Mattityahu (Matt) 22:23-33; 22:41-46; Acts 3:12-15; 5:27-32; 7:17-36; 22:12-16; 24:14-16; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 11:23-26

Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

Hazak, hazak, v'nit'chazek! (Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened!)

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Shabbat Shul ends at the start of the "Yeshua Remembrance Service" at which time parents are expected to resume proactive responsibility for their children.

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Sh'mot (Exo) 1:7-14; 3:1-4; 7-8; Rev 1:9-13, 17-18; Gen 1:1; John 1:1; 1John 1:1;

Exo 3:14; Rev 1:1; Exo 6:6-8; John 1:9; Gen 15:13-17; Rev 4:5; John 15:5;

Rom 16:19-20; 1John 5:4; Sh'mot (Exodus) 1:16; 22; Matt 2:16; 5-6, 13-14;

Rev 12:5; 6, 7-12; Dani'el (Daniel) 12:1; Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:21-22, 15-21;

Galatians 4:28-30; B'resheet (Genesis) 21:8-10;

Revelation 6:9-10; 8:3-5; 13:5; 7:3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 10:10-11;

Luke 24:45-49; Acts 2:38

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Pagan Customs and Holidays - Christmas

Grasping hold of one's Jewish roots is a wonderful thing. It is a beautiful feeling to learn about the biblical feasts, the Sabbath, and other Jewish practices that our Yeshua embraced and taught. Our love for Yeshua makes these things precious to us. For disciples of Yeshua, finding our Jewish roots is like discovering a beautiful, long-lost treasure.

Among the many things Yeshua taught us was the command to love each other as he loved us (Yochanan (John) 13:34). When we discover something beautiful, it is only natural to want to share it with the people we love. We want them to know what we know. We want them to reconnect with Yeshua in the same powerful way through this knowledge.

This desire is good. It is born from genuine love and concern for others. It is good and right to act on this desire, to lovingly share with others the treasure that we have discovered. In this case, the message is about the Hebrew roots of the Christian faith.

When sharing with others, we often have to make difficult decisions. One example that comes to mind this time of year is Christmas. Every year, we get tons of question asking about Christmas. People want to know if it is okay to celebrate this holiday with their families. After all, Christmas isn't in the Bible.

Even more worrisome, some of the customs associated with Christmas, and even its date on the calendar, appear to have their origin in pagan festivals even though it does match with the time the Magi delivered their gifts to the Messiah before His parents fled to Egypt.

The Torah explicitly forbids worshiping Y'HoVaH in the same way that other nations worship their (false) gods:

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 12:30-31a. be careful, after they have been destroyed ahead of you, not to be trapped into following them; so that you inquire after their gods and ask, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I want to do the same.' 31 You must not do this to Y'HoVaH your Elohim!

Knowing this, would it be more honoring to the name of Yeshua Hamashiyach to abstain from celebrating Christmas, even if it meant isolating oneself from one's family?

While it is important to remain holy and refrain from desecrating Yah's name by imitating the worship of false gods, it is also important to maintain a healthy and positive relationship with one's family. The Torah states that one should honor ***Shmot (Exodus) 20:12 and respect Vayikra (Leviticus) 19:3*** his father and mother. Certainly, it is disheartening to one's parents when one abstains from important family gatherings.

Ya'akov the brother of Yeshua, taught that an attitude of peaceful conciliation produces much fruit, as he wrote ***Ya'akov (James) 3:17-18 But the wisdom from above is, first of all, pure, then peaceful, kind, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 And peacemakers who sow seed in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.***



Doesn't this imply that keeping the peace and being gentle with one's family is also an important consideration?

If it were really idolatrous to celebrate Christmas, then certainly the prohibition against idolatry would supersede these other concerns. But it's not. The First Fruits of Zion resource "*What About Paganism?*", reveals that, while there are some traditional Christmas customs that find their roots in paganism, these customs are no longer used to worship other gods. The ancient Jewish sages took this fact into consideration when deciding what qualified as idolatry.

Even more important is the issue of intention. Christian families have absolutely no intent to worship idols, nor do most of them have any knowledge of the origins of their holiday traditions. Their desire is to celebrate the life of Yeshua.

While there are some traditional festive practices that have their origin in pagan customs, meeting together with one's family isn't one of them. Celebrating with a meal and exchanging gifts to celebrate Yeshua's birth is not engaging in pagan worship. A disciple should feel free to join with his family in a celebration of Yeshua's birth without worrying about accidentally participating in a pagan custom or holiday, and without concern about whether or not he was actually born on December 25.

This article originally appeared on First Fruits of Zion, December 7..

Senior Israeli officer: Hezbollah using US weaponry in Syria

www.Ynet.news.com

According to IDF assessments, Lebanese terror group Hezbollah has acquired US weapons and armoured personnel carriers which were originally supplied to the Lebanese military; the terror group is using the weapons in Syria. - *Reuters*

Israel has informed the United States that Lebanese Hezbollah fighters in Syria are using US armored personnel carriers originally supplied to the Lebanese Army, a senior Israeli military officer said on Wednesday.

The US State Department said last month that the American embassy in Beirut was working to investigate images on social media purporting to show Hezbollah, which supports President Bashar al-Assad, displaying US military equipment in Syria.

In an intelligence briefing to foreign reporters in Tel Aviv, the senior officer showed a photograph of military vehicles, which he said included US-made armoured personnel carriers (APCs), along a road. "These APCs are of the Hezbollah, while fighting in Syria, that they took from the Lebanese armed forces," he said in English, describing the guerrilla group as dominant in Lebanon. "We shared this information with other countries, including the US of course, and I can even say that we recognized these specific APCs with some specific parameters that we know ... these were given to the Lebanese armed forces. It's not an assumption," said the officer, who under the rules of the briefing could not be identified by name, rank or position.

Western diplomatic sources have said the APCs were delivered to the Lebanese Army by the United States as part of a program to equip that force. The officer made no comment about when the APCs would have been supplied to the Lebanese Army.

The officer said Hezbollah has 8,000 fighters in Syria where more than 1,700 of the group's combatants have been killed since 2011.

Israel and Hezbollah, which the officer said has 30,000 members, half of them combatants, last fought a war in 2006.



Netanyahu planning unprecedented new construction during Trump reign.

By Gil Hoffman in The Jerusalem Post Dec 20, 2016

Bayit Yehudi preparing list of demands for Trump era.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made his strongest statement in years on Monday in favor of construction in Judea and Samaria, giving hope to settler leaders that massive construction will begin when Donald Trump replaces Barack Obama as president of the United States.

Netanyahu told 60 Minutes last week that he was looking forward to working with Trump on a two-state solution. But sources close to the prime minister said that neither Netanyahu nor the incoming president see West Bank construction as a hindrance to the creation of a Palestinian state.

Speaking at a Likud faction meeting on Monday, Netanyahu boasted of the success of the deal reached with residents of Amona that will allow more than half of them to remain on the hilltop in a different location. He told the faction that Amona was just the beginning.

“We will continue to strengthen and develop settlements, and I want to make clear: There is not, nor will there be, a government that gives more support to settling and cares more about settling than this government we in the Likud lead,” he said. “This will continue.”

Netanyahu is expected to be questioned about his plans for the Trump era and his support for increased West Bank construction on Tuesday when he meets with the foreign media at a pre-Hanukka event organized by the Government Press Office.

Sources in Bayit Yehudi said the party was preparing a list of what it will demand from Netanyahu after Trump is sworn in on January 20. The sources said the party views the election of a president unopposed to settlement construction and the appointment of settlement-supporting David Friedman as ambassador as a game changer.

“There is a unique window of opportunity now thanks to the changes in America, the weakening of Europe and the disintegration of the Muslim world,” Bayit Yehudi leader Naftali Bennett told The Jerusalem Post at the Knesset on Monday.

Bennett said the list included applying Israeli sovereignty to Area C in Judea and Samaria gradually, starting with Ma’aleh Adumim, as well as steps to “naturalize life in Judea and Samaria.”

Sources in Likud and Bayit Yehudi said the settlement regulation bill that would sanction some 4,000 homes built on privately owned Palestinian land would not be brought to its final readings until after Trump takes office.

While there was some doubt last week about whether the bill’s legislation could be delayed, following the deal reached with Amona residents, its postponement is seen as guaranteed. Likud sources said it also helped that the chairman of the committee legislating the bill, Bayit Yehudi MK Nisan Slomiansky, has suspended himself from committee work in the Knesset while he is fighting sexual harassment charges.

Head of the Shomron Regional Council Yossi Dagan, who attended Trump’s victory party in New York, said he had high hopes for both Trump and Netanyahu.



“Trump will never be more Zionist than the prime minister of Israel,” Dagan said.

“The ball is in the prime minister’s court. It’s a great opportunity after the Obama years. I expect him to build and build a lot. But then again, I think he should have built during Obama’s term, too.”

Channel 10 reported that Netanyahu promised Amona residents that if the High Court does not agree to delay the evacuation of the outpost, a new settlement will be built for them. Zionist Union leaders Isaac Herzog and Tzipi Livni lashed out at Netanyahu for cutting funding across the board from cabinet ministries, in part to fund the deal with the residents of Amona.

“When billions are taken out of the public’s pockets from the health, education, transportation and public security budgets to pay the violators of the law in Amona, it means the government thinks Israelis are suckers,” Livni said. “When Israel pays each Amona family a million shekels to keep the law, it can’t be understood any other way.”

PLO will revoke Israel recognition if US moves embassy

The Times of Israel. December 19, 2016.

Saeb Erekat also predicts public anger over transferring mission to Jerusalem would force closure of all US embassies in Arab world; says Palestinians finalizing anti-settlement resolution for UNSC BY. Speaking on a conference call organized by the Wilson Center policy forum in Washington, DC regarding expectations from the Trump administration, Erekat reeled off a list of what he said would be the consequences of President-elect Donald Trump honoring his campaign pledge and relocating the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Erekat said he would immediately resign as the chief Palestinian negotiator, and that “the PLO will revoke its recognition of Israel” as well as all previously signed agreements with Israel. Furthermore, said Erekat, all American embassies in the Arab world would be forced to close — not necessarily because Arab leaderships would want to close them, but because the infuriated public in the Arab world would not “allow” for the embassies to continue to operate.

In a statement issued by the Trump transition team on Friday announcing David Friedman as Trump’s choice for ambassador to Israel, Friedman said he aimed to “strengthen the bond between our two countries and advance the cause of peace within the region,” and that he looked “forward to doing this from the US embassy in Israel’s eternal capital, Jerusalem.”

Asked about the prospect of Trump moving the embassy to the Israeli capital, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last week that this would be “great.”

In Monday’s call, Erekat castigated the selection of Friedman, citing the intended ambassador’s stated desire to work from Jerusalem and his support of settlement expansion. Moving the US embassy to the holy city, as Trump has promised he will and Friedman has publicly anticipated, would symbolize American acceptance of what Erekat called “Israel’s illegal annexation of East Jerusalem,” and would plunge the region into turmoil. “Any hope of peace in the future will just vanish,” he said, adding that he was not making threats, but rather issuing a warning.



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³¹ "Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a new Covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'udah." ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part violated My Covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Y'HoVaH. ³³ "For this is the Covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says Y'HoVaH, "I will put My Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people. (Yirem'yahu [*Jeremiah*] 31:31-33)

Congregation: *Isa 12:2* "See! Elohim is my salvation; I am confident and unafraid; for Y'HoVaH Elohim is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation!" *Isa 12:3* Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation. *Ps 3:8* Victory comes from Y'HoVaH; may Your blessing rest on Your people. *Ps 46:7* Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot is with us, our fortress, the Elohim of Ya'akov. *Leader:* "Baruch ata Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, ha motze lechem m'in ha eretz." (divide challah)

Congregation: "Blessed are You Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the Universe who has brought forth bread from the earth. Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot, how happy is anyone who trusts in You! (Ps 84:12). Give victory Y'HoVaH! Let the King answer us the day we call. (Ps 20:9) I will take the cup of redemption and call upon the Name, Y'HoVaH. (Ps 116:13).

Leader: (with cup in right hand) "The cup of deliverance I raise and in the Name of Y'HoVaH, Yeshua HaMashiach, I call: Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech, ha'olam, boray p'ri ha'gafen." (Replace cup with spices)

Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Leader: Lifting spice container in right hand, says... "Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, boray meenee besamim."

Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the various spices.

Leader: As Avram gave to Malki-Tzedek according to B'resheet (Genesis) 14:18-20, let us all come and bring our offering; then take some Chullah; smell the spices; take your cup, return to your seats and wait, so we can partake together.

Leader: Pray in relation to what Yeshua has done in connection with the day's Torah portion. "Let us eat and drink together".

Malachi & Tamar: Aharonic Blessing (see Num 6:22-27). Our Abba and Elohim of our fathers, we thank you for the joy and rest of this Shabbat. May the coming week bring gladness & peace, health & achievement. Like the fragrance of the besamim, we pray that the days ahead bring sweetness to our lives and the lives of our loved ones. May the peace, which we are enjoying linger till we gather for Shabbat next week. We ask this in Yeshua's name, Amein.

